



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Baldomero M. OLIVERA
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Customer No. : 6449

Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 20 January 2006, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, claims 1-18 and 32-34 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

On page 2 of the restriction requirement, the Examiner indicated that she had perused the specification for definitions of the terms “arresting,” “protecting” and “preserving” an organ but was not able to find any definitions. The Examiner’s attention is directed to paragraph [0011] on page 3 where these terms are defined. These terms all relate to aspects of protecting an organ in a subject. “Arresting” means stopping a pathological process in an organ, and thus provides protection to the organ. “Arresting” means stopping the pathological process and not stopping the, e.g., heart as indicated by the Examiner. The example that is provided for “arresting” is stopping pathological process resulting from myocardial ischemia. “Protecting” means affording defense against a deleterious influence. The example that is provided for “protecting” is affording defense against the pathological process resulting from myocardial ischemia. “Preserving” means the act of keeping alive or keeping safe from harm or injury. Thus, the organ is also protected when it is preserved. Thus, Applicants submit that definitions provided by the terms in the specification indicate that they can be the same method and are so interrelated as to be a single concept, i.e., maintaining the health